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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of: Spei et al.

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Title: METHOD FOR TREATING CIRCULATING WATER IN PAINT BOOTHS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in the above-referenced application, together with an IDC form listing all references cited and a copy of each reference (except as noted below).

This IDS is being mailed within three months of filing of the above captioned application, if it is a national application, or within three months of entering, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491, the national stage of the above captioned application, if the above captioned application is an international application. Therefore, consideration of the IDS by the Patent and Trademark Office, without the payment of any additional fee, is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Some of the references are neither in English nor cited in accompanying English language version of a search report by another patent office, and therefore require a concise explanation of relevancy, as it is currently understood by the applicant, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). This required explanation of relevancy is given in the specification of the above captioned application for the following reference:

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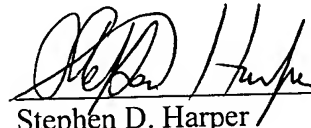
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Applicants also wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following pending application: U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/601,266, filed January 20, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. H 3858). A copy of the Specification of this application is included herewith.

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Enclosure

1. International Search Report (English Language)
2. IDC w/references